Late Woodland/Contact Periods

AL-II-B-010 Shawnee Old Fields Village Site (King Opessa's Town, Old Town, South Branch Site) Southeast of Cumberland Cumberland Private

This large village site, long collected by local artifact hunters, was investigated in 1974, revealing Late Woodland and Contact period artifacts. An area between the site itself and the river's edge may be the location of a number of short-term camps, dispersed horticulturalist dwelling units, or both.

The village is believed to have been the home of King Opessa, a Shawnee leader who accepted and protected runaway slaves and convicts. The site represents the first confirmed archeological manifestation of the several historically documented Shawnee villages in Maryland.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

	-			
1 NAME				
HISTORIC				
AND/OR COMMON				
Warrior	's Path			
2 LOCATION				
STREET & NUMBER				
CITY, TOWN		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		
STATE		_ VICINITY OF COUNTY		
CV + COVEYO	AMION			
3 CLASSIFIC	ATION			
CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESI	ENTUSE
DISTRICT	PUBLIC	OCCUPIED	AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM
BUILDING(S)	PRIVATE	UNOCCUPIED	COMMERCIAL	PARK
STRUCTURE	_BOTH	WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	PRIVATE RESIDENC
SITE OBJECT	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS
	IN PROCESSBEING CONSIDERED	YES: RESTRICTEDYES: UNRESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL	SCIENTIFICTRANSPORTATION
	BEING CONSIDERED	_NO	MILITARY	_OTHER:
4 OWNER OF	FPROPERTY			
NAME				
STREET & NUMBER		Te	elephone #:	
STREET & NOWDER				
CITY, TOWN		VICINITY OF	STATE , Z	ip code
5 LOCATION	OF LEGAL DESCR	IDTION	••	
	Of EEGIL BLOOM	–	iber #:	
COURTHOUSE. REGISTRY OF DEEDS,	ETC.	F.	olîo #:	
STREET & NUMBER			***	
CITY, TOWN		STATE		
6 REPRESEN	ITATION IN EXIST	ING SURVEYS	 	
TITLE	IMITOR IN EXIOT	ING BUNVETO		
DATE		FEDERALST	ATE _COUNTY _LOCAL	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS				
CITY, TOWN			STATE	

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

__EXCELLENT

__DETERIORATED

__UNALTERED

_ORIGINAL SITE

__GOOD

__RUINS
__UNEXPOSED

__MOVED

DATE____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION	
1400-1499	_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	_LAW	SCIENCE	
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER	
_1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION	
1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	_OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		INVENTION			
SPECIFIC DATES		BUILDER/ARCHITECT			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHI	ET IF NECESSARY
10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY	
VEDDA - SOUNDARY DECORUPTION	
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION	
LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIE	S FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES
STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY
11 FORM PREPARED BY	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN	STATE

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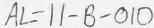
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